

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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1        50. (New) A method of loading a film assembly comprising a first film container provided  
2        with an internal spool and an additional spoolless film container having a length of film a  
3        majority of which is wound in the spoolless film container, and which extends to the first film  
4        container, comprising the steps of:

- 5        a)        providing a bulk roll of film, withdrawing a free end therefrom and securing to a film  
6                winding tool;  
7        b)        in a dark environment rotating the film winding tool to wind the film into a coil about  
8                the tool;  
9        c)        removing the wound coil from the film winding tool and enclosing the coil in the  
10               additional film container so that the film extends through a film slot thereof;  
11        d)        before or after step c) cutting the film unwound from the bulk roll off said bulk roll to  
12               give a trailing end;  
13        e)        securing said trailing end of film to the first film container.

1        51. (New) A method according to claim 50 wherein the film container is a conventional film  
2        patrone having a central spool, at step e) the said trailing film end being secured to the central spool.

1        52. (New) A method according to claim 50 utilizing an additional container which  
2        comprises a housing which is closed by an end cap, the method involving, at step c), winding the  
3        film onto the film winding tool, followed by insertion of the tool having the film wound about the  
4        tool end into the additional film container.

1        53. (New) A method according to claim 52 wherein after removal of the film winding tool

2 the end cap is secured to the housing.

1 54. (New) A method according to claim 50 utilizing an additional film container which  
2 comprises a housing formed in two half shells which co-operate to define a film slot therebetween,  
3 the method involving the step of, in a film winding apparatus, after step b), removing the film  
4 winding tool and enclosing the wound coil between the two half shells, with the film extending from  
5 the film slot.

1 55. (New) A method according to claim 54 wherein the method includes the step of cutting  
2 the film from the bulk roll after it has been wound into the coil and before it is enclosed in the  
3 additional container.

1 56. (New) A method according to claim 50 further comprising the step of attaching a  
2 removable clip to secure the first film container and additional film container together.

1 57. (New) A method according to claim 50 further comprising the step of inserting the  
2 assembly of first film container and additional film container into a package which is sealed to  
3 contain the film containers.

1 58. (New) A film assembly when loaded according to the method of claim 50.

1 59. (New) A camera when loaded with a film assembly according to claim 58.

1 60. (New) A method of loading a film assembly into a camera having a pair of film  
2 chambers arranged on opposite sides of an exposure opening and a camera back which closes the  
3 film chambers comprising the steps of:

- 4 a) providing a bulk roll of film, withdrawing a free end therefrom and securing to a film
- 5 winding tool;
- 6 b) in a dark environment rotating the film winding tool to wind the film into a coil about the
- 7 tool;
- 8 c) removing the wound coil from the film winding tool and enclosing the coil in the
- 9 additional film container so that the film extends through a film slot thereof;
- 10 d) before or after step c) cutting the film unwound from the bulk roll off said bulk roll to
- 11 give a trailing end;
- 12 e) securing said trailing end of film to the first film container;
- 13 f) placing the film assembly in the camera with the containers in respective chambers and
- 14 closing the camera back.

1 61. (New) A method according to claim 60 wherein utilizing an additional film container  
2 which comprises a housing formed in two half shells which co-operate to define a film slot  
3 therebetween, the method involving the step of, in a film winding apparatus, after step b), removing  
4 the film winding tool and enclosing the wound coil between the two half shells, with the film  
5 extending from the film slot.

1 62. (New) A method according to claim 60 wherein the film carries pre-exposed latent  
2 images, the method involving at step f) the additional step of ensuring that an alignment mark on the  
3 film is arranged in alignment with an alignment mark on the camera so as to ensure correct  
4 alignment of user-exposed images and pre-exposed images.